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JOHNSON SEEKS BRAWL IN HOUSE

Asks Madden, Who Is Lame,
to "Meet Me Outside with
Your Exception."
MEMBERS ARE SHOCKED
Unprovoked Challenge and Loss of
Mental Balance Comes as Dis-
agreeable Surprise.

Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the House District Committee, yesterday invited Representative Madden, of Illinois, one of whose legs is crippled, to "meet me outside" and settle the latter's exception to personal remarks by the Kentuckian.

The District chairman, who is nearly six feet in height, threw the House into an uproar with his intimation that he had been braved to a fight.

Little excuse for the attempt to precipitate a brawl with a man notably his physical inferior was attempted by Johnson's Democratic colleagues. The outbreak came up during debate on the District appropriation bill.

Mr. Madden had listened quietly to remarks by Johnson, in which the latter contrasted himself favorably as a preserver of the rights of the people with the Illinois member, who, he said, was a conservator of the purse of local public service corporations.

When the Kentuckian had finished, Mr. Madden rose with the plain statement that he wished to take exception to the remarks of the Kentuckian. Before he could proceed further with his explanation, he was interrupted by Johnson's intimation to a fight.

House Is Shocked.

When the challenge of the infuriated Kentuckian rang out like a bolt from a clear sky, members of the House, who generally expect good reason for so glaring a loss of dignity and poise, sat up on their seats. Efforts of friends to quiet the one-sided brawl were for some time without avail.

The fact that Mr. Madden is crippled in one leg made Mr. Johnson's fault more noticeable. When, following Mr. Johnson's challenge, Mr. Madden stated his position to the House, and declared that he would not be intimidated into an apology by Mr. Johnson or any one else, the applause came from both sides of the House.

The District chairman, who had started for the door in anticipation of the desired meeting, was pulled back by friends and the fight was averted.

Over Point of Order.

The incident arose over a point of order made by the Kentucky member against an item seeking "to reimburse two elevator inspectors for the provision and maintenance by themselves of two motorcycles for use in their official inspection of elevators in the District of Columbia." The total appropriation carried was \$500. The point of order was that the bill sought to change a compensation fixed by law. Following the bill with Mr. Madden the point of order was withdrawn.

The "near-fight" came as a climax to a large interchange between the two members. "I hope the gentleman from Kentucky will not insist on the point of order against this item," Mr. Madden had said. "It is one of the most important items in the bill and may affect the lives of people in the District who ride in elevators."

Might Cause Accident.

"Suppose, because of the failure of this item, these inspectors should be unable to cover the territory assigned them and make the examinations required of passenger elevators. Suppose a cable of some elevator should break and, because of the inability of these inspectors to make the examination, people should be allowed to enter the elevators when it is in such a condition. Suppose this elevator should fall because of the broken strand. Would the gentleman from Kentucky take upon himself responsibility?"

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KNOX AWAITS WORD FROM U.S. MINISTER

No dispatches were received at the State Department yesterday from Charles W. Russell, Minister at Tehran, and as a result Secretary Knox expressed himself wholly ignorant as to the latest developments in the case of the fourteen Americans who are in controversy with the Persian government.

The State Department yesterday reiterated its stand that so long as Persia had not violated her contracts with Russia, she was not to be considered as a belligerent. The government would not bring pressure to bear on Persia to compel her to pay them the three years' salaries demanded by the Americans. Minister Russell is under instructions, however, to effect a compromise settlement which will be a fair compensation for the Americans who find their position in the Persian empire intolerable following the dismissal of Shuster.

FIRE IN VANDERBILT HOTEL

Guests in New Hotel Get Scare and Some a Wetting.

New York, Jan. 12.—Defective insulation on the third floor of the magnificent Vanderbilt Hotel, which was opened to the public only last Thursday night, caused a fire late this afternoon, which created a panic for a time and did considerable damage. As soon as the guests began to smell the smoke, the bells were filled with excited men and women, pouring through the doors and down elevator shafts and stairways, ruining many handsome gowns and giving numerous white shoulders an unpleasant shower bath. The hotel employees quickly manned the hose and threw water on the blaze until the flames were extinguished. The damage was chiefly from water.

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ARMY DIVISION GOES TO HAWAII

War Department Acts Upon
Maj. Gen. Carter's Alarm-
ing Statement.
NAVY ALSO TAKES PART
13,000 Troops Ordered to Islands,
Where Japanese Are Said to
Have 35,000 Trained Men.

Following close upon the alarming statement made Friday by Maj. Gen. William H. Carter before the House Committee on Military Affairs that 35,000 efficient Japanese soldiers are now in Hawaii ready to wrest that invaluable possession from the United States, the War Department yesterday admitted that plans are complete to equip and rush an entire division of troops, recruited to war strength, to those islands for permanent service.

It was decided to send five regiments of infantry, each of the twelve companies recruited to 150 men; one regiment of cavalry, every troop at full fighting strength; one full regiment of field artillery; eight companies of coast artillery, to be separated from the mobile army; one company of engineers, and one company of the Signal Corps. All to be accompanied by the necessary anti-aircraft force and under the command of a major general.

Navy Will Assist.

It was further learned that not content with sending a full division of soldiers to Hawaii, the government has sent the Pacific squadron of armored cruisers as well. These four big ships are at the present moment making a complete survey of the coast from a naval point of view, it being their purpose to ascertain precisely where an enemy could land.

So anxious is the War Department to prevent the possibility of becoming aware that yesterday Secretary of War Stimson contradicted the statement made by Gen. Carter as to the number of Japanese soldiers in Hawaii. He did not, however, deny that the full division of troops, numbering more than 13,000 fighting men, the biggest army ever hurried by the United States to distant territory, is en route to the islands. The infantry force alone will number 9,000.

Carter Voices Regrets.

Gen. Carter expressed regret that his statement had become public. It was made in confidence before the Military Committee, he said. Even a stenographer was barred from the room while he was giving his testimony. As to Gen. Carter's opportunity to obtain exact knowledge, it is pointed out that up to eighteen months ago he was stationed in the Philippines. On his way home he held a visit to Hawaii.

Illustrating the eagerness with which the War Department is making ready this emergency, it is pointed out that within the last few days Gen. Leonard Wood, director of the military school in Washington of all officers now here, should be prepared and sent to him. It is understood that every officer who has been in the military school for more than a year will be transferred, many of them going to Hawaii.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! HERE'S AN ESSAY

The first of the series of twenty-five essays on the results of sounding false alarms was received by S. Kemp Edmondson, clerk of the Juvenile Court, yesterday from Earl Simmons, of 1255 Irving street northwest, sixteen years old, who, when arraigned before Judge De Lacy last Monday afternoon, pleaded guilty to sounding three false alarms, was ordered to accompany each of the twenty-five installments of the \$25 fine with a composition from his own pen.

Essay No. 1 was vivid and interesting. It dealt with the various accidents which might happen while fire engines were responding to a false alarm in winter, with the streets slippery and dangerous. The letter was written neatly in a good round hand.

"I closed you will find \$1," concluded the letter.

While it is customary to require the juvenile offenders to appear in person to pay their fines, the court, learning that Earl was to leave the city for a boarding school directly following the trial, arranged to have the installments and the accompanying essays sent to the clerk by mail. In order to place no burden on the parents in the payment of the fine, the court directed Earl to draw on the allowance for the weekly court payments.

SKIDS OFF BRIDGE; HORSE IS KILLED

While returning to the stables at Rosslyn, Va., last night from Alexandria, a wagon of the Columbia Oil Company skidded on the icy road and plunged over the culvert at Queen's City, near the southern end of the government reservation at Arlington, into the branch below, killing one of the three horses drawing the wagon. Driver Owens, who lives at Killebrew and W streets northwest, and who was in the cab of the oil wagon, miraculously escaped being killed.

As the wagon started to cross the culvert, which is near Johnson's crossroads, the wheels skidded and the wagon went sliding on the edge of the bridge. There was no rattling to stop the vehicle as it bounded over the edge. It turned turtle and fell with a crash into the little branch which flows beneath.

The outside horse was crushed by the other two animals and died soon after the accident. It was valued at \$200. Owens in some manner managed to stick to the cab. A number of colored persons living in the vicinity rushed to the scene and extracted the driver from the mass. He was uninjured and returned to his home.

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CONFIDENT SON WILL BE SAVED

Mother of Dr. Carl A. Clem-
ons Eagerly Awaits News
from Hunters.
MEN LOST ON ICY BAY
Former Washington Clubman and
Companions Sought By Life
Savers Along Long Island.

While government life-savers and volunteer searchers scour the frozen waters of Great South Bay, L. I., and wander over the bleak islands along the coast in search of the little party of three who left Bay Shore on January 6 in an eight-foot launch for a short hunting trip and who have not been seen since, Mrs. Frederick W. Clemmons, mother of Dr. Carl A. Clemmons, a prominent New York broker and clubman, formerly of Washington, who formed one of the party, sits silently in her apartments in the Albemarle, Seventeenth and T streets northwest, eagerly awaiting news of her son and his two companions.

Despite the discouraging reports which come from the bleak bay, which is now a solid sheet of ice covered by a foot of snow, Mrs. Clemmons still clings to a faint hope that her son may be safe. Although a week has passed since the young club man was last seen, the mother still has a gleam of hope. Scores of telegrams and letters are being received from friends and relatives and government officials of the life-saving service, but all speak only of despair.

Mother Still Hopeful.

"I still have hope that my son may be living," said Mrs. Clemmons last night. "Although hope has fled from the strong, sturdy seamen who have braved the snow and ice and intense cold to aid in the search for the party, I cannot help but believe that Carl is alive. A week has passed, a week in which I have still believe that he is alive. I believe that the other two men in the party reached the shore. I have no doubt but what they are alive. There are many shacks along the shore stocked with provisions where the party could seek shelter and live temporarily until located by the rescuing parties."

The lost party is composed of Dr. Clemmons, Edmund R. Bailey, a New York business man and clubman, and close friend of Dr. Clemmons, and Capt. Tom Wetmore, twenty years of age, a young boatman, who had been employed to ferry the New York clubmen from Bay Shore to the shooting box on Short Beach, Nassau.

Unmanned Launch Found.

The Monday following that fatal Friday afternoon, the eighteen-foot launch was found tossed about on the bay unmanned. In the bottom of the boat was one of the oars of the little dory which trailed behind the power boat when it left Bay Shore. The launch had been found. No trace of that little craft has yet been found.

Gathered at Bay Shore in a hotel is a party composed of the near relatives of the lost men. Standing about the vast expanse of snow and ice, are stationed Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Clemmons, the wife of Dr. Clemmons, in vain for a glimpse of their dear ones. The little six-year-old daughter of Dr. Clemmons is also at the seaside with her mother.

Last Wednesday, against the protest of the volunteer searchers, the launch was found. Mrs. Gunther, mother of the wife of Dr. Clemmons, went out on a scooter to wander over the bleak islands of the bay in search of the missing party.

Appreciate Their Efforts.

The life-savers of Fire Island and the Point of Woods station are aiding in the search for the lost men. Mrs. Clemmons spoke in appreciative terms last night at the Albemarle of the assistance which the government has given in the rescue work. Mrs. Clemmons has been in constant communication with Oliver MacLean, assistant general superintendent of the life-saving service, but no messages of success came to her.

Dr. Clemmons is well known in Washington, having lived here a number of years. He received his primary education in Washington and later attended the medical school of the George Washington University, from which he was graduated. He later went to New York and entered the New York City Homeopathic College, from which he was graduated. He then began the practice of medicine, having lived here a number of years. He received his primary education in Washington and later attended the medical school of the George Washington University, from which he was graduated. He later went to New York and entered the New York City Homeopathic College, from which he was graduated. He then began the practice of medicine, having lived here a number of years.

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Valentine decided to take a chance, and half-concealing himself behind two companions, endeavored to slip through the gate. He was caught, and given 125 demerits. This, with the fifty already received, brought his total above the permissible number, and his dismissal was recommended as a matter of routine.

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Mine Workers in Clash.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—With John Mitchell, once the miners' idol, and Thomas L. Lewis, leading the opposition faction, a big fight is on the programme of the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which begins here Tuesday. Charges that Lewis packed the 1911 convention to force the vote that repudiated the civic federation of which Mitchell was a member will be thrashed out on the floor of the convention. It was said by men in touch with the situation to-night.

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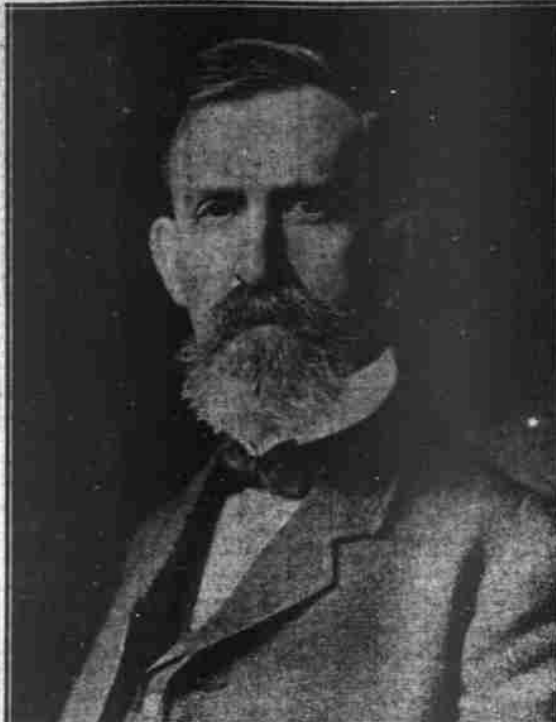
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BRYAN'S PRESIDENTIAL TICKET FOR 1912



SENATOR JOHN W. KERN, of Indiana.

Following the visit to Washington Friday by William Jennings Bryan, when he conferred with Senator Kern, it was reported about the Capital yesterday that Bryan's choice for Democratic standard bearer was Senator Kern, of Indiana, for President, and Senator O'Gorman, of New York, for Vice President.

Bryan is known to have a high opinion of Kern, who was his running mate in the last Presidential campaign. The Nebraska senator is said to have declared Senator Kern's record contains no vulnerable points. Another thing in favor of Kern, according to Bryan, is that Indiana is a doubtful State, and with Kern heading the ticket her electoral vote would be assured to the Democrats.

As for O'Gorman, it is said Bryan believes he would carry New York State and win the Catholic vote.

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And the key to this section is—

MYSTERY

It is blank, baffling, and inscrutable; mystery of the kind that grips and holds until the last thread has been woven in, the last block has found its proper place, and the puzzle is complete.

WATCH FOR IT!

DEATH CALLS HIM ON BUSY STREET

While jostling his way through a crowd of home-going office workers in Fifth street northwest yesterday afternoon, Joseph K. Gaines, an inventor, sixty-five years old, tripped and fell to the pavement—the victim of heart trouble. A physician stated after examination that life had been extinct for several minutes.

Mr. Gaines, who had made his home at Glen Echo Heights for more than fifteen years, was apparently in good health when he left his home for his office in the Harper Building early yesterday morning. It is said he had suffered at different times from attacks of heart trouble.

His spouse, the day at work and telephoned his wife shortly before 3 o'clock in the afternoon that he was about to start for his home. Mr. Gaines rode good-bye to several friends at the office building in C street northwest and started to walk through Fifth street to the car line. He had gotten a little past the corner of F street when he stopped, apparently in an effort to catch his breath.

Mr. Gaines was known as the inventor of certain steel shoe displays, used to a great extent among shoe dealers, who have credited him with the invention of exhibiting their wares in show windows. He is survived by his wife and a son.

GAS KILLS WIFE; HUSBAND DYING

Aid Reaches Aged Couple, Too Late
to Save Lives of Both—Acci-
dental, Says Coroner.

Aid reached James Quinn, sixty-five years old, and his wife, Bertha, aged sixty years, who were discovered unconscious from illuminating gas in a second-story room of their home, at 69 E street southwest, too late to save the lives of both last night. Mrs. Quinn died shortly after reaching the hospital. Her aged husband, according to physicians, had a slight chance to recover.

Only the quick work of relatives who detected the odor of gas gave them a longer lease of life. Examination showed that a piece of piping had been repaired by Quinn earlier in the day, it is said, but the solder had not covered several holes.

The aged couple were seen to enter the room shortly after 3 o'clock. About a half hour later their stepson, Fredholm, had occasion to call to them. When he received no answer he tried the door and found it was locked.

Thinking Quinn and his wife were asleep, he went downstairs. Later he was attracted by the odor, and discovered that it was coming from the room occupied by the Quinns. He forced the door, and, with the aid of neighbors, carried the two victims to the lower part of the house. The hospital ambulance was summoned and police of the Fourth precinct assisted Coroner Nevitt in an investigation.

The police stated that several months ago Mrs. Quinn attempted to end her life by inhaling illuminating gas. The woman at that time showed signs of despondency, and was threatened by her husband. When the couple were found last night it was at first suggested they were victims of a suicide pact. This theory, however, was later dispelled by the coroner's investigation.

SHOOTING SEQUEL TO AN ELOPEMENT

J. B. Sneed Kills Father of Man
Who Fleed with His Wife,
Crowd Witnessing Deed.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 12.—The sensational elopement of Mrs. Lena R. Sneed, wife of a rich banker of Amarillo, with A. G. Boyce, Jr., millionaire ranchman, had its still more sensational ending to-night, when J. B. Sneed, the husband, shot and killed A. G. Boyce, Jr., father of the man who eloped with his wife. The shooting occurred shortly after 9 o'clock in the lobby of the Metropolitan Hotel, crowded with people at the time.

Sneed fired five shots at Boyce, four taking effect. He used a 2-caliber automatic revolver, and the bullets lodged in the abdomen, ranging between the navel and the groin.

Boyce was seated in the lobby of the hotel a short distance from the main entrance. Sneed entered by the main door-way. He never spoke to Boyce, but instead whipped off his revolver and began firing. His first shot took effect, striking Boyce in the pit of the stomach. Boyce jumped and pitched forward, but at the instant Sneed's revolver cracked and three more shots landed in the abdomen. Sneed fled by a side entrance and ran to the central police station, where he surrendered. He refused to make a statement to either newspaper reporters or the police.

The shooting came as a big shock to persons who have been following the case closely.

Sneed and his wife, a little more than a week ago, effected a reconciliation and returned to Texas from Winnipeg, where she and young Boyce were caught. This afternoon the elder Boyce had just succeeded in getting all indictments against his son dismissed by the county attorney. This, it was thought, would end the case. The elopement of Mrs. Sneed and young Boyce attracted attention throughout the country.

EMPEROR TO QUIT; GOING TO JEHO

Peking, Jan. 12.—Realizing that the growing disorders in the provinces, which is but a ramification of the whole sweep of the rebellion, leaves the royal family but one course, the abdication of the Emperor was decided on at a meeting of the principal members of the government to-day. The reformers will be as previously reported and will take place probably within three days. The Emperor will go to Jehol, about 125 miles to the northwest of Peking.

The Emperor's departure realises that the government is powerless without financial assistance to stem the tide of revolution, and has asked Yenching, the acting premier, to make the best arrangement possible in connection with the retirement of the imperial family. The premier, it is understood, will remain in Peking pending final arrangements with the republicans.

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tense Cold May Break
To-morrow.

LARGE CITIES SUFFERING

Thousands of Hungry and Homeless
Men, Women, and Children Ap-
pealing for Aid—Charities'
Agents Here Working Hard.

Temperatures at the Weather Bureau.

Midnight.....	7 4 p.m.....	8
1 a.m.....	4 8 p.m.....	5
2 a.m.....	3 9 p.m.....	4
3 a.m.....	1 10 p.m.....	3
4 a.m.....	0 11 p.m.....	2
5 a.m.....	2 Midnight.....	1
6 a.m.....	5 1 a.m.....	0
7 a.m.....	6 2 p.m.....	0

The entire section of the United States east of the Mississippi River is grasped by the coldest spell experienced in years. Not in recent years have such low temperatures and so much suffering been experienced throughout the country in general. Yesterday was the coldest day in Washington in thirteen years, and if the mercury continues to drop at the rate it was making early this morning, the fifteen-below record of February, 1899, will be closely approached this morning.

Last midnight the thermometer at the Weather Bureau registered seven degrees below zero, with the fluid still dropping in the tube. This was a drop of seven degrees within two hours, the thermometer registering zero at 10 o'clock.

COLD TO CONTINUE.

To-day the intense cold will, it is predicted, the weather ward last night. Toward night, however, the temperature will begin to moderate. It is expected the cold spell throughout the country will be broken to-morrow. To-morrow, says the weather ward, will be cloudy and warmer.

Intense cold is being felt throughout the country, with the exception of California, where at Los Angeles last night the temperature was 72. All of the Atlantic Coast States are feeling the severity of the winter in its worst form. Intense cold is being experienced throughout the East, and unusually low temperatures are being recorded. At Duluth, Minn., the thermometer last night stood at 22 degrees below zero. At St. Paul the temperature is 18 below. All of the large cities of the East are suffering intensely from the cold wave.

At Boston the thermometer last night registered 4 below; at Chicago the temperature is 2 below; New York is suffering.

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VANDERBILTS WILL LIVE IN LONDON

Alfred Gwynne and Bride to Join
Rapidly Growing Colony of Ex-
patriated Americans Abroad.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Friends of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and his bride, formerly Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim, of New York and Baltimore, to-day heard an interesting report that the couple will probably exile themselves from their native land and join the rapidly growing colony of expatriated Americans in London. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have left for a cruise up the Nile, and it was impossible to get in communication with them to attempt to verify the rumor.

It is understood, however, that before leaving this city Mr. Vanderbilt told many of his friends that he had taken a permanent place in London and would spend his time in England and France. His occasional visits to the United States will be made only when business demands.

The complaint of the Vanderbilts is the same as that of all the other rich Americans who have become self-exiles. They are disgusted at the ineptness of the American press, which chronicles all their doings up to the Niles, and it is impossible to get in communication with them to attempt to verify the rumor.

They find social life in the Old World to be free from this annoying feature. No one pays any attention to what his neighbor does.

Effects of Equitable Fire Exaggerated.

Hon. Wm. H. Hottel, U.S. Superintendent of Insurance, New York, writes Hon. Geo. W. Ingham, Superintendent of Insurance, New York, as follows, viz.: Geo. W. Ingham, Sup't. of Ins., Washington, D. C.

Effects of fire in Equitable Life much exaggerated. Security and policy value thought intact. Surplus adequate, hence no transfer to policy holders. Records show those at Executive Committee, Insurance and Actuarial Departments, and in another building. Home Office Building five years not counted asset above hand value. Company's officers active in saving situation. Probably little disturbance of company's regular business. Am in close touch with situation. Please give notice to the policy holders. Wm. H. Hottel, Superintendent of Insurance.